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SUBJECT: ALLIED REPLY TO SOVIET DEMARCHE ON EC
PARLIAMENT

REF: STATE 219657

BEGIN SUMMARY. BONN GROUP HAS REACHED AD REF AGREEMENT
ON A REVISED DRAFT REPLY TO THE SOVIET DEMARCHE OF
AUGUST 3. WHILE ACCEPTING BASIC FEATURES OF THE TEXT
PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE OTHER BONN GROUP REPS
HELD OUT FOR A SLIGHTLY FULLER EXPLANATION OF THE
ALLIED POSITION. END SUMMARY.

1. REDRAFTING OF THE ALLIED REPLY TO THE SOVIET
DEMARCHE ON DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
IN THE SEPTEMBER 9 BONN GROUP MEETING FOCUSED ON THE
TEXT PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH A REVISED
TEXT BASED ON BRITISH INSTRUCTIONS ON THE EARLIER AD
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REF DRAFT AND ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FROM THE FRENCH REP.

2. THE BONN GROUP AGREED WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S DESIRE TO ELIMINATE ALL REFERENCE TO THE "EXISTING SITUATION" AND ACCEPTED ESSENTIAL PORTIONS OF US TEXT. FRG, FRENCH, AND UK REPS, HOWEVER, WHILE ADMIRING THE CONCISENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TEXT, ALL THREE ADHERED STRONGLY TO THE VIEW THAT -- SINCE IT IS LIKELY THAT THE TEXT WILL BE PUBLISHED -- IT SHOULD CONTAIN SLIGHTLY MORE DETAIL TO MAKE CLEAR THE ALLIED POSITION. AS PUT BY HITCH (UK), IT IS NECESSARY TO WALK THE READER THROUGH THE STEPS BY WHICH WE JUSTIFY BERLIN'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THE OTHER THREE REPS ALSO EXPRESSED A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR PUTTING THE CONCLUSION LAST AND THEREFORE TOOK ISSUE WITH THE LEAD SENTENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S DRAFT -- A POINT WHICH US REP DID NOT CONTEST AS STRONGLY AS THE OTHER PROPOSED CHANGES.

3. WHAT EMERGED, THEREFORE, RETAINS CERTAIN OF THE INTRODUCTORY DETAIL FROM THE EARLIER BONN GROUP DRAFT BUT ADDS THE DEPARTMENT'S POINT ON THE FACT THAT THE EC HAS BEEN DEVELOPING THROUGH THE YEARS. IT ALSO ELIMINATES REFERENCES TO THE EXISTING SITUATION.

4. TEXT OF THE REVISED DRAFT ON WHICH AD REF AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

ON BEHALF OF THE (BLANK) GOVERNMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO STATE THE FOLLOWING WITH REGARD TO THE STATEMENT OF THE USSR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF 3 AUGUST 1976:

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THE THREE POWERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES AND SUBJECT TO ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, IN 1957 APPROVED THE EXTENSION TO THE WSB OF THE TREATY ESTABLISHING THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. ON THE SAME BASIS THEY SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED THE EXTENSION TO THE WSB OF OTHER CONSTITUTIVE TREATIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. CONSEQUENTLY, THE WSB HAVE SINCE 1957 BEEN INCLUDED IN THE AREA OF APPLICATION OF THESE TREATIES. THE THREE POWERS HAVE THROUGHOUT THAT PERIOD ENSURED THAT ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO MATTERS OF SECURITY AND STATUS, WERE NOT AFFECTED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EC. THE QA IN NO WAY AFFECTED THE APPLICATION IN THE WSB OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TREATIES.

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DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY, IN THE WORK OF WHICH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE WSB HAVE PARTICIPATED SINCE ITS INCEPTION, WERE PROVIDED FOR IN THE EEC TREATY OF 1957. THE THREE POWERS HAVE DETERMINED THAT, WHEN THE PROJECT FOR DIRECT ELECTIONS IS IMPLEMENTED, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE WSB WILL CONTINUE TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE QUOTA OF THE FRG. THEY WILL, HOWEVER, NOT BE DIRECTLY ELECTED, BUT WILL BE SELECTED BY THE BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS CLEAR THAT CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF BERLIN REPRESENTATIVES IN THE EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY WOULD NOT AFFECT THE STATUS OF BERLIN. SUCH PARTICIPATION COULD THEREFORE NOT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE QA.

THE (BLANK) GOVERNMENT FOR ITS PART WILL CONTINUE
TO PURSUE POLICIES AIMED AT PREVENTING COMPLICATIONS
IN AND AROUND BERLIN.

END TEXT

5. ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE
ABOVE DRAFT.
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